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IN REPLY TO:

SDM-59567  
3165.3 (922.PL)

OCT 15 1999

Jeff B. Hume  
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Continental Resources, Inc.  
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Enid, OK 73702

Dear Mr. Hume:

On October 4, 1999, we received your September 28, 1999, letter requesting a State Director Review (SDR) regarding an Incident of Noncompliance (INC), issued by the North Dakota Field Office (NDFO) on August 26, 1999, assessing \$5,000 for causing surface disturbance prior to receiving an approved federal Application for Permit to Drill (APD) on the SBRRU 23-26H. The well's surface location is located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 26, T. 21 N., R. 4 E., Harding County, South Dakota, within the South Buffalo Red River Unit on fee surface overlying fee minerals, with the planned horizontal lateral legs penetrating federal minerals under federal lease SDM-59567.

By a letter dated October 15, 1999 (enclosed), the NDFO rescinded its August 26, 1999, INC and assessment.

Therefore, since the NDFO has rescinded its INC and assessment, the SDR request is unnecessary and will not be reviewed any further by this office.

If you have any questions, please contact Pascual Laborda at (406) 896-5102.

Sincerely,

John E. Moorhouse, Acting  
Deputy State Director  
Division of Resources

1 Enclosure

1-NDFO letter dated October 15, 1999, letter (2 pp)

cc:(w/o encls.)  
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